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Dear Tracy-

Thanks for your encouraging letter. The Press here has agreed to a restriction of the scope of the reprint volume; I've decided to limit it to bacteria and bacteriophages, with tentative approval from UW Press. This is certainly very much less of a headache than was the former scheme, and I am indebted to you for helping to crystallize my own reservations about it.

A swarm of publishing agents has been descending on me lately, apparently inspired by a vicious rumor that I was writing a text, with or without your collaboration. I am eagerly awaiting an announcement of your own book, both for itself, and as a possible means of alleviating this trouble.

Is there any chance you'd care to pay us a visit anytime this Winter or Spring? The department has been able to scrape up a few dollars for travel expenses, and I have had some hopes that you might be persuaded to visit and talk to our group. Can you foresee any time during the next several months that you might find free to come?

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg